Esienmm of Express Trams to Rajkot

1393. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister" of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstar-rcd Questfctsr 327 given in the Rajya Sabhu. the 29th April, 1992 and state:

(a) 'whether Government propose tec extend 2981/2982 Jammu' Tawi-AMheda-bad Bi-weekly Sarvodaya Express to Rajkot twice a week instead of once a week, considering the difficulties experienced by the people of the area;'

(b) whether Government also propose to extend the Howrah and Navjivan Express to Hepa and Rajkot; and

(c) if so, by when these trains are likely to he extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IK THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does-not arise.

BANon movement of ainmato by trains

1394. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas. ed to state:

(a) Whether Goevrnment have recently received any request to ban the movement of animals by trains; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ban on transport of animals by rail has Wen requested on the plea that these aninials are moved for slaughter, depriving the people of milk, organic manure, gobargas assistance in farming, etc. Railways-are obliged to carry animals which are booked - in cacordance with the ruled an^ regulations and whose movement is not otherwise restricted under civil restriction imposed by the State Government concerned.

Railway Pawes to Ex_M.P.a

1395.. SHRI VJJSHWASRAO RAMRAO PAT1L: Wil1 the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have issued free railway passes to Ex-MPs;

(b) if so, the"number of such passe* issued during 1991 and 1992 separately and till date:

(c) whether these passes allow Ex-MPs to travel- anywhere in First Class with their families and do not require any renewal:

(d) whether any criteria for issue of these passes have been fixed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) Complimentary Passes are being issued to eligible Ex-MPs.

(b) Number of Passes "issued in 1991—NIL.

Number of Passes issued in 1992—600 as on 30-6-1992).

(c) The Complimentary passes • permit the eligible Ex-Members of Parliament to travel in First Class AC Sleeper from any station' to any station over the Indian Railways,' with an attendant- in Second Class. The Passes are valid for one year at a time.

(d) and (c) The Complimentary Passes are being issued only to those Ex-MPs who • are eligible to draw' pertsion from the Lot Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretarial under the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954.